

University Act provided also that there should be no fees charged of students in attendance. No other university in Canada ever was established on such a basis. I recite these facts to show you how unbusiness-like and wholly haphazard was the founding of an important institution handed over to us as one of the "legacies" of the McBride-Bowser Administration. Our policy has been to try to place the affairs of this institution on a business basis, and Mr. Bowser has some temerity when he comes before you and offers any criticism of our handling of the situation.

Other Canadian Provinces have universities maintained largely out of public funds, but certain revenues are earmarked for university purposes. In short, these Provinces took of public moneys a certain proportion for higher educational purposes, while the McBride-Bowser Government, during the best years in British Columbia, spent the public money erecting gaols and Court houses, many of them 100 years beyond the requirements of their localities.

The policy we have adopted provides for making a yearly grant for the maintenance of the University. The erection of the proposed University buildings will not, directly, cost the Province a single dollar, as their construction will be financed out of the sale of Government lands at Point Grey. These lands now are lying idle and unproductive, not yielding a dollar even for taxation.

The previous Government began their plans for the University with no policy providing for the erection of suitable buildings. Yet there is a letter on file, a letter from the old Government to the Board of Governors, that they would have available for capital expenditures up to \$2,800,000 by the end of 1915. The proposed capital expenditure up to the end of 1918 was to be \$6,398,000, without a single practicable or businesslike move to provide the money.

You know, perhaps, how the Vancouver and Coast papers were full of the visionary schemes and bombast about these University plans and what vast sums the Government was going to place at the disposal of the Board. Yet when we took office the total capital expenditure was in the neighbourhood of \$150,000.

I must tell you now that when I introduced the University Bill in the House, a Bill providing, as I have stated, for the erection of buildings on the credit of Point Grey Government lands, the Bill passed the House unanimously. Mr. Bowser and every member of his party supported it. Yet now, Mr. Bowser complains that he would prefer to see "Little Red School-houses" built in outlying districts so that children can learn to read and write, etc." What cheap political clap-trap this sort of campaigning must appear to you.

"Little Red School-houses!" I will tell you that since this Government assumed office there has not been a single refusal on the part of the Government to erect new school buildings in outlying districts where the erection of such buildings was recommended by our School Inspectors. There have been criticisms in a few cases because the Government has refused to pay 60 per cent. of the cost of erecting school-houses in the municipalities. My contention, however, has been that municipalities